

from the people of another State, should be permitted to hang over them, without at least meeting the condemnation of their Representatives.

Whatever that sovereign will may be, when fairly expressed, it must be maintained. Texas as one man will defend it. While the Executive, would not counsel foolish bravado, he deems it a duty we owe to the people, to declare that even though their action shall bring upon us the consequences which now seem impending, we will all, be our views in the past and present what they may, be united.

SAM HOUSTON.

Mr. Lewis of M., moved to print 2,000 copies of the message and accompanying documents.

Mr. Lynch moved to amend by saying 5,000 copies. Carried, and 5,000 copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Buckley's amendment to the bill pending before the House, was adopted and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Buckley, the rule was suspended and the bill read third time.

Mr. Culberson offered a substitute for the bill.

Mr. Mabry, chairman of committee on Enrolled Bills, reported correctly enrolled :

An act making appropriation to pay the mileage and per diem of the Presidential Electors, and

A joint resolution concerning the Convention of the people of Texas, called in pursuance of the bill of rights, and the same was properly signed and presented to the Governor for his signature and approval.

On motion of Mr. Munson, the chief clerk of this House, was instructed to furnish a copy of the Governor's message received to day to the Convention.

On motion the House adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Thursday, January 31, 1861. }

House met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called—quorum present. Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Mr. Crooks, chairman of committee on Engrossed Bills, reported correctly engrossed a bill to provide for the protection of the frontier of the State of Texas.

Mr. Culberson introduced a bill to provide for the return of field notes of surveys that have become forfeited. Read first and second times, and referred to committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Hancock introduced a bill to amend the laws for the assessment and collection of Taxes. Read first and second times, and referred to committee on Finance.

Also, introduced a bill amending the laws to raise a revenue by taxation. Read first and second times, and referred to committee on Finance.

A message was received from the Senate, informing the House that the Senate had concurred in the amendments of the House to a bill supplementary to an act to incorporate the Houston, Trinity and Tylor Railroad Company, and had amended and passed House bill changing the time of holding courts in Nineteenth Judicial District.

Also, had passed the bill to incorporate the La Vaca Wharf Company, originating in the Senate.

Mr. Taylor presented a memorial of sundry citizens of Fannin county, which, on his motion, was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Flewellen offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of the joint resolution upon coercion to the Governors of the several States, and also to the Governors of the States which have seceded from the American Union. Adopted.

Mr. Stewart introduced a bill relative to the spring terms of the several District Courts during the year A. D. 1861. Read first and second times, and referred to Judiciary committee.

On motion of Mr. Buckley, the further morning business was dispensed with, and the bill and substitute, pending when the House adjourned, was taken up.

On motion, the House adjourned till ten o'clock, A. M., tomorrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Friday, February 1, 1861. }

The House met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present. Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Mr. Mabry presented a petition of sundry citizens of Marion county. Referred to Judiciary committee.

Mr. Foscue, chairman of committee on Internal Improvements, reported, recommending the passage of the bill to amend the tenth section of an act, supplementary to an act supplementary and amendatory of the act to regulate Railroad Companies, approved February 7, 1853; approved December 19, 1857; approved February 8, 1860.